

## NOTES AND QUERIES.

Y're right, then, go ahead!" C. E. A.  
This is always quoted as the saying of  
Col. David Crockett.

How long has the State of New York been  
building its new capitol? H. J.  
The legislature passed the first bill ap-  
propriating money for it in 1862. The  
building was begun shortly after that,  
but the corner stone was not laid un-  
til 1871. It has been thirty-four years  
under construction, and it is not finished  
yet.

Were the soldiers captured at Trenton by Wash-  
ington's Englishmen? How were they passing the  
memorable night and in what condition were  
they when captured? CHUMPS.  
The British outpost at Trenton was

Composed of Hessians, German troops joined the British at the Landgrave of Hesse-Darmstadt. They were commanded by Col. Rahl. They were having a good time celebrating Christmas, and most of them were more or less drunk.

What became of the British, emigrant ship Great Britain? A SATELLITE is still in service. It had been commandeered in Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, in 1806. SIR HENRY CLIVE

The Great Britain, built in 1783, was the first British ship in 1835, was made into a sailing ship about 1871, and in 1896 was stranded on the Falkland Islands. She was wrecked at Port Stanley, used for storing coal.

Please inform me as to whether anything has been found pertaining to the colony sent out by Sir Robert Raleigh under the leadership of John White? E. F. WHITE

Nothing. When Governor White came

back the next year, 1580, he found the scene of his village a wilderness, with no inhabitants. On a tree near-by was carved a word which they made out to be "Croatan," but no one knew what it meant, and no one has yet found out.

The Declaration was adopted unanimously by the States, though in two of the States negative votes were cast; not in the States of New York and New Jersey. These States were Delaware and Pennsylvania; in the former one out of three, and in the latter three out of five, voted in the affirmative. It had been adopted, however, they signed it.

When was the ship Constitution of 1812 first put into commission? What were her notable actions? How was she ever engaged against Algerine pirates? B. T. S. 8.

She went into commission first in 1793, under command of Capt. Samuel Nicholson. Two of her principal "prey" were made with the Guerriere, 1812, and with the Java, 1812. She was employed against the Algerine and Barbary pirates in 1804, and was the flagship of Commodore Barron in his attack on Tripoli, August 3, 1804.

How many regiments are there in the United States army? 2. Would afloat miss a six-year-old orchard of peaches if planted between the trees leaving six-foot space around each tree? When is the best time to plant, and how? J. W. M.

There are ten regiments of cavalry, seven of artillery and twenty-five of infantry in the United States army. The best time to plant is in the spring, when you plant either grass. Plant in drills and keep it well cultivated.

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Is there such a thing as the Irish language? Can anyone make a man in five years of age join the regular army of the United States? SUBSCRIBER.

The best raisins are dried on the vines; the vines are cut almost through and the grapes left to dry. Most of the raisins are cut from the vines when quite ripe, and

What is the best way to make a canvas tent waterproof? W. A. F.

Take the tent apart, then soak it in a bath made of one part of neutral sulphate of alumina (concentrated alum cake) and ten parts of water. After a thorough soaking, wash it with clean water, then one part light kerosene, one part soda crystals, ten parts water, until the soda is washed out. Then add one part of common soap to separate the water and collect the soap; dissolve this with water.

equal amount of palm oil soap in thirty seconds. The soap is then poured on the canvas. Then rinse it clean in clear water.

We hear of "seigniorage" in connection with the mintage of coins; is it a tax, or a rebate that the Government gets?

U. S. S.

It is a tax. It is really the tax on the money made by the owner of a mint for coining metal brought to him. In the old days there were private mints, now all mints are owned by the Government, but the name seigniorage is retained. In some cases a regular charge is made, but in others the Government gets nothing, but recoups itself for the expense of coining by minting, say, eleven coins out of the value in metal of ten coins, that is, the minting of ten coins contain percentage of alloy. In this country the term seigniorage has been applied to the difference between the face value of silver and its bullion value. The United States has on hand a stock of bullion bought at an average price of \$1.25 an ounce, but the value of the silver is \$1.25 an ounce. The difference between 90 cents and \$1.25 is the so-called seigniorage.

C. C. H.—Col. Roosevelt's Rough Riders have been mustered out, as their soldiers have been, or will be. Their commander, General Wood, who has been mustered out, was the only one of the command who was recruited in large degree from our Southwestern plainmen—in answer to J. J. W. M.—In a spelling book, the word "quadrant" is spelled with a capital letter. W. M.—Spanish is spoken generally in the South American republics. Sycamore and Iron-wood are two different trees, although in different localities the styles contain the same wood. C. C.—The sentence you quote is ungrammatical: "Whither goest thou?" C. A. B.—You may be able to get the circulation of the *Journal* for 1900. E. L. Gould, Ph. D., who is corresponding secretary for the American Statistical Society, and to be reached at 200 Madison Avenue, New York, would be the best person to consult.

Weston Flint, secretary and treasurer for the National Statistical Association, at 1213 K Street, Washington, D. C. E. K. G.—The international copyright law gives full protection to American authors, and it is not their fault. One of these demands foreign and domestic publication simultaneously. R. O. A.—The quotation reads: "Let me make the songs of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws, and the author is unknown." The man to whom I did not wish to attribute to a friend that he "knew a very wise man, that believed that if a man were permitted to make all the ballads of a nation, he need not care who should make the laws of a nation." Whom he meant is not known.